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A real proverbial "slap on the wrist". It is very sad to see our once proud government pander to the interests of mega-corporations, especially on as blatantly abusive as Microsoft. Don't fool yourself into believing that you have done anything to protect the interests of the people. I make my living off of Microsoft products exclusively, and I hate the way Microsoft conducts business. In the last few years, I have begun to hate their products. Microsoft's paranoia about maintaining it's monopoly has not made their products any better (especially their server products). The more they integrate "features" into their software, the more difficult it is to configure and maintain.

It is probably too much to hope that the DoJ will take a second look at the "settlement" and realize just how weak it is. I suppose I can only hope that the DoJ staff will hang their heads in shame for their unwillingness or inability (take your pick) to protect the people of the United States.